

"Is there any thing offensive in it?" Nothing whatever.

"Is there any noise?" No, it is rather an object of interest to persons residing there.

"Are you able to say whether the inhabitants of other houses are annoyed?" I am enabled to say they do not consider them a nuisance.

"At the commencement of the undertaking, were you a determined opponent to the measure?" Yes, my mother was a petitioner against the bill, and I appeared as evidence against it.

"From all that you have since seen you would no longer oppose the construction of rail roads?" Certainly not; from what I have seen, my opinion is entirely changed.

Another ground of objection urged by landlords, is the apprehended depreciation of the adjacent land. The facility of communication with the metropolis and populous towns, is so obvious an advantage, that we cannot help expressing our astonishment that such an apprehension should for a moment be entertained. As those who could entertain an objection so unfounded, are little likely to be accessible to the reasoning by which it might be refuted, we shall here confine ourselves to facts, and show that in every case, without a single exception, which has come under inquiry, the value of land adjacent to a successful line of railway, has been considerably increased.

Mr. Pease, M. P. a Director of the Stockton and Darlington railway, stated, in his evidence, that he had been for ten years a Director of that Company, during seven years of which, the rail road had been in practical operation; that he had closely observed its effects on landed property through which it passed, or which was adjacent to it, and that he had been privy to all the negotiations which had taken place between the rail road company and the proprietors from whom they had made purchases.

"Do you know whether the advertisements for letting farms or selling estates contain any thing relating to the rail road?" It is invariably stated, either that the rail road passes through the estate or near it, they consider it as an enhancement of the value of the property.

"Are you a landholder yourself in the neighborhood of the rail road?" I have one small estate which it intersects.